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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT  
12 OF CALIFORNIA

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14 BRAVADO INTERNATIONAL GROUP  
15 MERCHANDISING SERVICES, INC.,

16 Plaintiff,

17 -against-

18 SKINNY CORP, LLC d/b/a  
19 THREADLESS.COM.,

20 Defendant.  
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CIVIL ACTION NO.

CV12-8694

SVW  
(SMA)

COMPLAINT FOR  
TRADEMARK AND  
RIGHT OF PUBLICITY  
INFRINGEMENT

22 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

23 1. Plaintiff Bravado International Group Merchandising Services, Inc.  
24 (hereinafter referred to as "Bravado") is a corporation duly organized under the  
25 laws of the State of California with a place of business in Los Angeles, California.  
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1           7.     The Rolling Stones have sold millions of copies of recorded product  
2 throughout the world that contain the lips logo. The Rolling Stones have licensed  
3 and sold millions of dollars' worth of licensed merchandise bearing the lips logo.  
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5           8.     Plaintiff Bravado has been, at all times relevant herein, engaged in the  
6 business of marketing and selling merchandise bearing the names, trade names,  
7 trademarks, logos and/or likenesses of musical groups and performers throughout  
8 the United States. Plaintiff is selling Rolling Stones merchandise pursuant to an  
9 agreement that grants to Bravado the exclusive right to sell merchandise bearing  
10 the Rolling Stones names, trademarks, logos and likenesses and commence actions  
11 against parties that use The Rolling Stones trademarks in connection with the sale  
12 and/or advertising of merchandise.  
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14           9.     Defendant is an unlicensed distributor who has been using The  
15 Rolling Stones lips logo or a mark confusingly similar thereto in connection with  
16 shirts that defendant has been advertising and selling ("Infringing Merchandise")  
17 that leads the consuming public to believe that said items are sponsored by or  
18 associated with and/or affiliated with The Rolling Stones and/or plaintiff. Said  
19 items have been distributed and/or advertised throughout the United States in a  
20 manner that affects interstate commerce in violation of plaintiff's rights.  
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23           10.    Defendant's sale of the Infringing Merchandise has been and will be  
24 without permission or authority of plaintiff or any party representing The Rolling  
25 Stones.  
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27           11.    Defendant's unlawful activities result in irreparable harm and injury  
28 in that, among other things, defendant deprives plaintiff, and/or The Rolling Stones

1 of their absolute right to determine the manner in which the Rolling Stones image  
2 is presented to the general public through merchandising; deceives the public as to  
3 the source, origin and sponsorship of such merchandise; wrongfully trades upon  
4 and cashes in on plaintiff's and The Rolling Stones' reputations, commercial value  
5 and exclusive rights and it irreparably harms and injures the reputations of plaintiff  
6 and The Rolling Stones.

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8 **AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **Violation of 15 U. S. C. 1125(a)**

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11 12. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11 of this  
12 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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14 13. This cause arises under 15 U.S.C. 1125(a) relating to trademarks,  
15 trade names and unfair competition and involves false descriptions in commerce.

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17 14. The Rolling Stones lips logo has been used as a mark in connection  
18 with the Rolling Stones performing services since as early as 1971 in connection  
19 with the sale of recorded product and/or various types of merchandise. As a result  
20 of the same, The Rolling Stones lips logo has developed and now has a secondary  
21 and distinctive trademark meaning to purchasers of merchandise.

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23 15. Defendant has used The Rolling Stones lips logo or a mark  
24 confusingly similar thereto to sell the Infringing Merchandise. By  
25 misappropriating and using The Rolling Stones lips logo, defendant has  
26 misrepresented and falsely described to the general public the origin and source of  
27 the Infringing Merchandise so as to create the likelihood of confusion by the  
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1 ultimate purchaser as to both the source and sponsorship of the Infringing  
2 Merchandise.

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4 16. Defendant's advertising of and/or sale of the Infringing Merchandise  
5 has and will infringe upon and dilute The Rolling Stones lips logo.

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7 17. The use of The Rolling Stones lips logo or a mark confusingly similar  
8 thereto in connection with the sale of the Infringing Merchandise will be damaging  
9 to and will dilute the good will generated by The Rolling Stones and the reputation  
10 that The Rolling Stones and plaintiff have developed in connection with the sale of  
11 legitimate, authorized and high quality merchandise.

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13 18. Defendant's unlawful merchandising activities are without permission  
14 or authority of plaintiff or anyone authorized to give such consent and constitute  
15 express and implied misrepresentations that the Infringing Merchandise was  
16 created, authorized or approved by plaintiff and/or The Rolling Stones.

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19 19. Defendant's aforesaid acts are willful violations of 15 U.S.C. 1125(a)  
20 in that the defendant used, in connection with goods and services, a false  
21 designation of origin and has caused and will continue to cause said goods (the  
22 Infringing Merchandise) to enter into interstate commerce.

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24 20. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendant's activities  
25 are not enjoined and plaintiff and/or The Rolling Stones will suffer irreparable  
26 harm and injury to plaintiff's and The Rolling Stones' images and reputations as a  
27 result thereof.

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1           21. As a result of defendant's activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an  
2 amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

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4                           **AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

5                           **Violation of Common Law Unfair Competition**

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7           22. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11 and 13 through  
8 21 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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10           23. Defendant's use of The Rolling Stones lips logo or a mark  
11 confusingly similar thereto in connection with the sale of the Infringing  
12 Merchandise is likely to, and is certainly intended to, cause confusion to  
13 purchasers.

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15           24. Defendant, by misappropriating and using The Rolling Stones lips  
16 logo, has utilized unfair means to usurp the good will and distinctive attributes of  
17 The Rolling Stones lips logo.

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19           25. Defendant has misrepresented and falsely described to the general  
20 public the origin and source of the Infringing Merchandise so as to cause confusion  
21 by the ultimate purchaser as to the source, sponsorship and/or association of the  
22 Infringing Merchandise.

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24           26. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendant's activities  
25 are not enjoined and plaintiff and The Rolling Stones will suffer irreparable harm  
26 and injury to plaintiff's and The Rolling Stones' images and reputations as a result  
27 thereof.  
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1        27. As a result of defendant's aforesaid activities, plaintiff has been  
2 damaged in an amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

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4                    **AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

5                    **Trademark Dilution Under 15 U.S.C. 1125(c)**  
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7        28. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 11, 13 through 21  
8 and 23 through 27 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.  
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10        29. By virtue of The Rolling Stones' long and continuous use of the lips  
11 logo in interstate commerce, said mark has become and continues to be famous  
12 within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. 1125(c). As such said mark is eligible for  
13 protection against dilution pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1125(c).  
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15        30. Defendant's use of The Rolling Stones lips mark or a mark  
16 confusingly similar thereto in connection with the merchandise that it has been  
17 selling has caused and is causing dilution of the distinctive quality of the famous  
18 The Rolling Stones logo by lessening plaintiff's and The Rolling Stones' capacity  
19 to identify the goods in violation of 15 U.S.C. 1125(c).  
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22        31. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendant's activities  
23 are not enjoined and plaintiff and The Rolling Stones will suffer irreparable harm  
24 and injury to plaintiff's and The Rolling Stones' images and reputations as a result  
25 thereof.  
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1 Rolling Stones' good will, reputation and sales. Such acts constitute willful  
2 violations of 15 U.S.C. 1114.

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4 37. Plaintiff will have no adequate remedy at law if defendant's activities  
5 are not enjoined and will suffer irreparable harm and injury to plaintiff's and  
6 Rolling Stones' images and reputations as a result thereof.

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8 38. Defendant's use of The Rolling Stones lips logo in connection with  
9 the advertising, sale and distribution of Infringing Merchandise has caused, is  
10 causing and will continue to cause plaintiff and/or The Rolling Stones irreparable  
11 harm and injury. If defendant's activities are not enjoined, plaintiff and/or The  
12 Rolling Stones will suffer irreparable harm and injury.

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14 39. As a result of defendant's activities, plaintiff has been damaged in an  
15 amount not yet determined or ascertainable.

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17 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court grant the following  
18 relief:  
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21 A. A Preliminary Injunction restraining, enjoining and prohibiting  
22 defendant from using The Rolling Stones lips logo and/or any mark confusingly  
23 similar thereto in connection with manufacturing, distributing, advertising or sale  
24 of any and all merchandise;

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26 B. A Permanent Injunction prohibiting defendant from using The Rolling  
27 Stones lips logo and/or any mark confusingly similar thereto in connection with  
28 manufacturing, distributing, advertising or sale of any and all merchandise;

1 C. Three times defendant's profits or three times the damages suffered by  
2 plaintiff or The Rolling Stones, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorneys fees  
3 and the costs of the action;

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5 D. Punitive damages pursuant to the Second Cause of Action;

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7 E. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1117(c); and

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9 F. Such other and further relief that this Court deems to be just and  
10 proper.

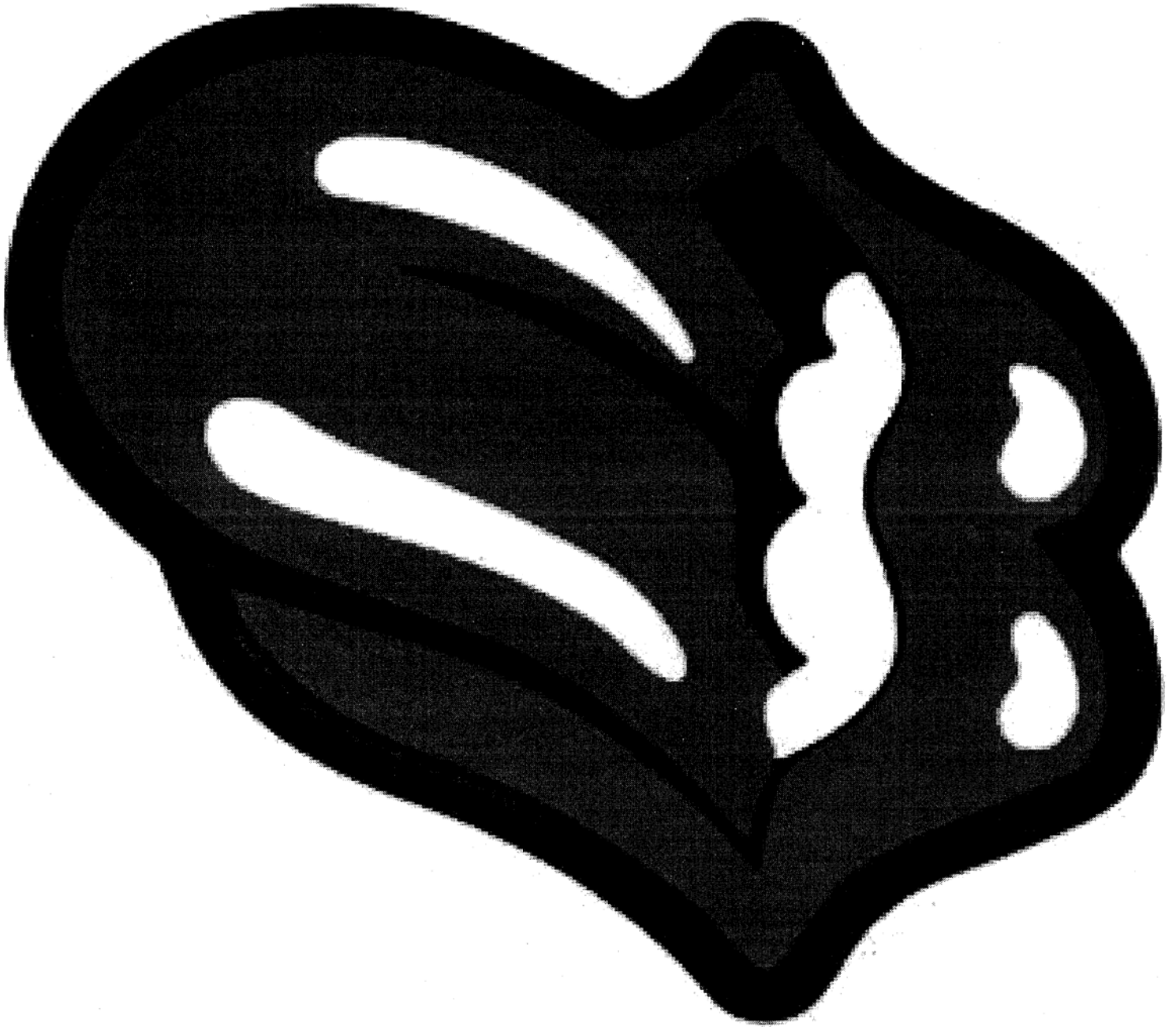
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12 Dated: October 9, 2012  
13 Culver City, CA

Respectfully submitted,

14 By: 

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# EXHIBIT A





**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY**

This case has been assigned to District Judge Stephen V. Wilson and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Stephen J. Hillman.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

**CV12- 8694 SVW (SHx)**

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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**NOTICE TO COUNSEL**

*A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).*

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

☒ **Western Division**  
312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

☐ **Southern Division**  
411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

☐ **Eastern Division**  
3470 Twelfth St., Rm. 134  
Riverside, CA 92501

Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

Name & Address:

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Attorney for Plaintiff

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BRAVADO INTERNATIONAL GROUP  
MERCHANDISING SERVICES, INC.,

PLAINTIFF(S)

v.

SKINNY CORP., LLC d/b/a THREADLESS.COM,

DEFENDANT(S).

CASE NUMBER

CV12-8694-SVW(SHX)

SUMMONS

TO: DEFENDANT(S): SKINNY CORP., LLC d/b/a THREADLESS.COM

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached ☒ complaint ☐ amended complaint ☐ counterclaim ☐ cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Kenneth A. Feinswog, whose address is 400 Corporate Pointe, Suite 300, Culver City, CA 90230. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

OCT 10 2012  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By: Marilyn [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk

(Seal of the Court)

[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

<b>I (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/> BRAVADO INTERNATIONAL GROUP MERCHANDISING SERVICES, INC.	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> SKINNY CORP., LLC d/b/a THREADLESS.COM
<b>(b) Attorneys</b> (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.)  Kenneth A. Feinswog, Esq. Telephone: 310-846-5800 400 Corporate Pointe, Suite 300 Culver City, CA 90230	Attorneys (If Known)

<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an X in one box only.)  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only</b> (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.) <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:33%; border: none;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="width:10%; border: none; text-align: center;">PTF</td> <td style="width:10%; border: none; text-align: center;">DEF</td> <td style="width:33%; border: none;"></td> <td style="width:10%; border: none; text-align: center;">PTF</td> <td style="width:10%; border: none; text-align: center;">DEF</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen of Another State</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none;">Foreign Nation</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1		Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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**IV. ORIGIN** (Place an X in one box only.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from another district (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multi-District Litigation	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge
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**V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:** JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)

**CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23:** ☐ Yes ☒ No     **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:** \$ as proven at trial

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION** (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)  
 15 U.S.C. 1125(a). Defendants are selling merchandise that infringes upon plaintiff's trademark rights.

**VII. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an X in one box only.)

<b>OTHER STATUTES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Act <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes	<b>CONTRACT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise <b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>TORTS</b> <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. 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Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

**VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ No ☐ Yes  
If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII(b). RELATED CASES:** Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? ☒ No ☐ Yes  
If yes, list case number(s): See Notice of Related Cases

**Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:**

- (Check all boxes that apply) ☐ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or  
☒ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or  
☒ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or  
☐ D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

**IX. VENUE:** (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

- (a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.  
☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles County	

- (b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named defendant resides.  
☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named defendant. If this box is checked, go to item (c).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
	Illinois

- (c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** claim arose.

**Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.**

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles County	

\* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER): \_\_\_\_\_

Date 10/9/12

**Notice to Counsel/Parties:** The CV-71 (JS-44) Civil Cover Sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required pursuant to Local Rule 3-1 is not filed but is used by the Clerk of the Court for the purpose of statistics, venue and initiating the civil docket sheet. (For more detailed instructions, see separate instructions sheet.)

Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))